

Appl. No. 09/830,749
Amendment dated March 21, 2005
Reply to Office Action of November 12, 2004

REMARKS

Applicants have received and reviewed an Office Action dated November 12, 2004. By way of response, Applicants have amended claim 1. No new matter is presented. Claims 1 and 3 are pending. Applicants submit that the pending claims are supported by the specification.

For the reasons given below, Applicants submit that the amended claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Petition for Extension of Time

It is noted that a two-month petition for extension of time is necessary to provide for the timeliness of the response. A request for such an extension is made extending the time for response from February 12, 2005 to April 12, 2005.

Rejection of Claims Under § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants have amended claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner to place it in condition for allowance. The amendment does not narrow the claim.

Accordingly, it is believed that the amended claims fully comply with § 112, second paragraph, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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Summary

In summary, Applicants submit that each of claims 1 and 3 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below, if the Examiner believes that doing so will expedite prosecution of this application.

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